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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22, 2016**

**The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Members present:** Christopher Brown, Chairman, Tom Reavey, Jim Roberts and George Reich.  
Commission member Stoughton Smead arrived at 7:05

**Staff:** Melissa Graves

**Discussion      Three Rivers Road Forest Management Project - Update**

A resident from Pine Drive had some concerns regarding the location of the proposed tree cutting on the town-owned land on Three Rivers Road. Staff member and Land Management Coordinator, Melissa Graves showed on a survey which areas were being flagged for cutting trees. It is proposed that the cutting areas would stay away from the back side of Pine Drive. Flagging of the parcels will take place within a few weeks so Carmine Angeloni can start preparing the Forest Cutting Plan for submittal to the State Forestry Division.

**Bruer              Dredging Project – Update**  
**Pond**

Project Coordinator Danielle Desmaris gave the Commission an update on the progress of the Bruer Pond Dredging Project. The project is being completed by Gagliarducci Construction and is going very well at this point. The dry weather has helped immensely. Conservation Commissioner George Reich met with Tonya Basch and the project crew to review the details. At this time, the access road is complete, plants and amphibians have been temporarily relocated and the park will be closed until the project is complete. If all goes well, it should be completed in approximately three weeks.

**Discussion      2048 Boston Road – Request to Donate Land**

The Conservation Commission received a memo from Marpal Realty indicating that they would like to donate the parcel known as 2048 Boston Road. It is currently a phragmites swamp. The billboards have been removed from the parcel. The Commission members present indicated that it wouldn't be in the best interest of the Town to accept this parcel. Commission member Stoughton Smead arrived at the meeting mid-discussion and expressed his opinion on how the site used to be a pond and has grown into an invasive phragmites area that spreads its seeds in other close-by detention basins. He thought that this would be a good opportunity to take the parcel and rejuvenate it again to a working wetland/pond. The item was tabled for another meeting pending discussion with the Wilbraham DPW to see if this would be a project they could initiate.

**Tree              25 Millbrook Drive**  
**Removal**

A request came to the Commission for the removal of a dead tree in close proximity to a pond. A visual inspection from Chairman, Christopher Brown, confirmed that the tree indeed should be cut down before it falls. A letter will be sent to the property owner giving them permission to cut the tree but leave the stump in place.

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, allow the removal of the tree

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** George Reich

**Unanimously in favor:** Tom Reavey, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and George Reich

**Discussion     Oakland Street Forest Management Project - UPDATE**

The revised bid specs for this project were re-released to the paper for publication with bids due on September 12, 2016. All potential logging companies were sent the specs.

**Discussion     6 Decorie Drive (update)**

There is no new information at this time and this item will be on future agendas until it is resolved.

**Discussion     694 Glendale Road (Enforcement Order)**

The owner and their representative have been in contact with the Conservation Office and will be attending the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a plan.

**Minutes        July 25, 2016**

**Motion:** George Reich, accept the minutes

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in favor:** Tom Reavey, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and George Reich

**Request        108 Crane Hill Road**

The property owners are requesting a change to the erosion controls location. Mrs. Dane submitted a photograph showing the proposed new location of a small portion of the erosion control. The reason for the request is so the equipment can more easily navigate around the site to install the foundation for the new structure. The new location is only a small corner and will not affect the overall capacity for erosion control.

**Motion:** George Reich, accept change to location of erosion control as shown on submitted plan

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in favor:** Tom Reavey, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and George Reich

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

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Christopher Brown, Chairman

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